

**REGULAR MEETING OF
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tuesday, August 23, 2016
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONE TWIN PINES LANE**

CALL TO ORDER 7:10 P.M.

(Note: Belmont Fire Protection District meeting held concurrent with the City Council Meeting.)

ROLL CALL

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Hurt, Stone, Kim, Reed

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Lieberman

OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Department Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Letter of Intent

Fire Chief Healy provided an on history of shared services with the cities of Foster City and San Mateo. Letter of intent to look into formation of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). He described the pending legislation that addresses pension plans to avoid any issues such as those experienced by the former Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department. He explained the need for the City of San Mateo to amend its city charter in order to accommodate a JPA, which is being put forth to the voters in November.

In response to Board President Reed's inquiry regarding concerns of firefighters regarding this matter, Chief Healy noted that the letter of intent should make things more secure. He pointed out that labor has been supportive.

Director Stone expressed concerns regarding the proposed timeline. He is sensitive to concerns of labor groups and noted this idea is worth exploring. He is also sensitive to issues associated with the previous JPA.

Chief Healy explained that some work already been done. He noted that work on the proposed legislation began in several months prior, there has been no opposition, and it is likely to become law in January 2017.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, stated that consolidation should have financial benefits. There is a need to know the unfunded liabilities.

Director Kim expressed support for exploring the formation of a JPA. He noted that this board's role is to be good stewards of the public's money and to improve fire and paramedic services. The

proposed JPA needs to be a win for all three communities as well as for labor.

Director Hurt expressed support for exploring the formation of a JPA.

Board President Reed expressed support for the May timeline, and suggested amending it if necessary. He too has concerns regarding the prior JPA experience and does not want to repeat prior problems.

ACTION: On a motion by Director Kim, seconded by Director Hurt, and unanimously approved (4-0, Lieberman absent) to authorize the District Manager send a letter of intent to the cities of San Mateo and Foster City indicating Belmont's willingness to explore the potential for a shared fire and paramedic services joint powers authority (JPA).

Board President suggested that because of his history with the previous JPA, Director Lieberman be assigned as the designated member on the subcommittee, with Director Hurt as the alternate in the event he is unable to do so.

ADJOURNMENT at this time being 8:55 p.m.

**Terri Cook
District Secretary**

Meeting audio-recorded and videotaped.